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Annual Report

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Of the

Municipal Officers

Of the

Town of Paris,

For the Year Ending Jan. 31, 1900.

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE:

PRINTED AT THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT OFFICE.

1900.

Annual Report

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector,

Superintendent of Schools

And School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF PARIS,

For the year ending Jan. 31, 1900.

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE :
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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

HORACE N. BOLSTER, ALPHEUS D. ANDREWS,
FRANK BENNETT.

CLERK.

TREASURER.

WILLIAM J. WHEELER. FRANK A. SHURTLEFF.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ALFRED H. JACKSON.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEO. M. ATWOOD, F. H. PACKARD,
HORATIO WOODBURY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WALTER L. GRAY.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

WM. E. PERKINS, HORATIO WOODBURY,
F. H. PACKARD.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

PROPERTY VALUATION.

Amount of resident real estate,	\$ 871,851 00
Amount of resident personal estate,	275,076 00
Amount of non-resident real estate,	63,274 00
Amount of non-resident personal estate,	5,400 00

Total valuation,	\$1,215,601 00
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Whole number of polls, 855. (Also additional in supplementary tax, 22 polls.)

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$ 3,486 49
County tax,	2,149 67
Support of schools,	3,629 40
For school books and apparatus,	500 00
Repairs of school houses,	500 00
Insuring school houses,	100 00
Support of poor and insane,	2,000 00
Town officers' bills,	1,500 00
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00
Snow bills, winter 1898 and 1899,	1,500 00
Repairs of roads and bridges,	2,500 00
For town debt and interest,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	40 00
Vote of town in 1897 for school house,	1,000 00
Overlay,	501 25
Supplementary tax,	152 80

Total amount assessed and committed,	\$21,559 61
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Rate per cent, 15 1-2 mills on dollar.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$3,629 40
Interest on school fund,	217 65
School fund and mill tax from state,	2,039 56
South Paris School Precinct,	548 24
Received from rent of grounds,	3 00
From state for free high school,	125 00
Due from tuition,	20 00
Amount due schools from appropriation 1898 un- expended and in town treasury, Feb. 1, 1899,	2,264 60
Total amount of school money,	\$8,847 45

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOLS IN YEAR 1899.

Emma D. Miller, teaching,	\$ 60 00
Harry M. Gerry, teaching,	103 00
Iva M. Richardson, teaching,	80 00
Charles P. Dennison, teaching,	72 00
C. E. Brett, for coal,	60 78
H. May Perkins, teaching,	78 00
Nellie Marshall, teaching,	72 00
Addie E. Ireland, teaching,	90 00
W. H. Lovejoy, carrying scholars,	10 00
Della C. Ridlon, teaching,	62 00
Blanche C. Dean, teaching,	73 00
Emma E. Shurtleff, teaching,	105 00
Will K. Holmes, teaching,	65 00
Susie M. Wheeler, teaching,	62 00
Edith Bradford, teaching,	56 00
A. E. Marshall, fuel,	7 50
Elva J. Marshall, teaching,	65 00
A. C. Record, carrying scholars,	50 00
F. H. Stearns, carrying scholars,	22 25
J. Blanche Chase, teaching,	70 00
Eva E. Walker, teaching,	73 00
Mertie G. Walker, teaching,	62 00
Jennie E. Tirrell, teaching,	80 00
Helen Hammond, teaching,	67 00
Mary H. Austin, teaching,	52 00

Chronicle Association, ad high school,	\$ 3 75
Madison Bartlett, janitor,	2 00
J. Mellen Cummings, sawing wood,	4 85
J. S. Dudley, carrying scholars,	22 25
Henry Merrill, janitor,	20 25
L. P. Gerrish, teaching,	240 00
Lena P. Hicks, teaching,	108 00
Hattie M. Leach, teaching,	94 00
Oscar E. Barrows, carrying scholars,	30 00
R. F. Staples, paid town of Oxford,	6 00
Bessie C. Colby, teaching,	42 00
Jacob Bennett, cleaning vaults,	2 00
A. J. Penley, janitor,	1 50
Norway Water Co. for water,	18 50
Pine Tree Aqueduct Co. for water,	18 00
W. H. Cole, wood,	18 00
P. M. Wyman, sawing wood,	3 00
Almon Churchill, wood,	31 50
Munroe S. Farrar, janitor,	3 00
Geo. A. Gibbs, wood,	11 25
B. L. Swift, wood,	11 25
Scott Marston,	1 00
Chas. E. Brett, coal,	39 50
A. E. Marshall, wood,	18 00
S. M. King, wood,	15 00
Paris Manufacturing Co., wood,	1 50
H. P. Ellis, wood,	12 00
A. J. Penley, wood,	10 50
C. W. Chase, wood,	11 25
A. M. Ryerson, wood,	12 00
Wm. B. Russell, wood,	4 50
Scott Marston, janitor,	13 00
Linnie E. Locke, teaching,	10 00
Frank R. Witham, carrying scholars,	30 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	5 00
Scott Marston, janitor,	5 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	9 50
Albion Abbott, wood,	11 00
Paris Hill Academy, wood,	8 00

Jennie E. Tirrell, teaching,	\$ 80 00
Scott Marston, janitor,	8 80
L. P. Gerrish, teaching,	260 00
High School Chronicle ad,	3 75
Margurite Pierce, teaching,	100 00
Eva E. Walker, teaching,	70 00
Ralph Gray, janitor,	3 00
Emma E. Shurtleff, teaching,	102 00
Lena P. Hicks, teaching,	117 00
Grace Harlow, teaching,	90 00
Iva M. Richardson, teaching,	80 00
Hattie M. Leach, teaching,	93 00
Frank R. Witham, carrying scholars,	30 00
Oscar E. Barrows, carrying scholars,	50 00
Wm. E. Curtis, wood,	8 00
Nellie Marshall, teaching,	65 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	11 60
Arthur Shurtleff, programmes,	5 00
Helen Hammond, teaching,	72 00
Bertha Salisbury, teaching,	47 60
May Perkins, teaching,	78 00
Katie A. Royal, teaching,	57 00
J. Blanche Chase, teaching,	78 00
Elva J. Marshall, teaching,	72 00
Geo. Robinson, carrying scholars,	30 00
Susie M. Wheeler, teaching,	62 00
Mary H. Austin, teaching,	57 00
Mrs. Geo. B. Stone, carrying scholars,	20 00
Ada M. Briggs, teaching,	90 00
Mary A. McArdle, teaching,	62 00
Della C. Ridlon, teaching,	70 00
Mertie G. Walker, teaching,	62 00
Bessie C. Colby, teaching,	57 00
A. H. Andrews, wood,	4 00
B. M. Greeley, wood,	13 75
Chas. Leard, janitor,	6 50
J. Mellen Cummings, janitor,	10 00
Mrs. Huldah Perkins, labor,	5 01
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	11 60

A. J. Penley, janitor,	\$ 3 00
C. R. King, wood,	9 00
Norway Water Co., water,	18 50
F. R. Witham, carrying scholars,	35 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	20 50
Chas. Leard, labor on wood,	1 50
Eva E. Walker, teaching,	73 00
Susie M. Wheeler, teaching,	72 00
Alfred E. Fuller, janitor,	25 00
L. P. Gerrish, teaching,	250 00
Iva M. Richardson, teaching,	80 00
Olive C. Swett, teaching,	62 00
J. Blanche Chase, teaching,	78 00
Katie A. Royal, teaching,	57 00
J. Persis Childs, teaching,	70 00
F. R. Witham, carrying scholars,	25 00
May Perkins, teaching,	78 00
Jennie E. Tirrell, teaching,	80 00
Bessie C. Colby, teaching,	57 00
Nellie Marshall, teaching,	70 00
Hattie M. Leach, teaching,	93 00
Mrs. Adelia Stone, carrying scholars,	20 00
Luella Hayden, teaching,	62 00
Emma Shurtleff, teaching,	105 00
Lucinda Field, teaching,	62 00
Lena P. Hicks, teaching,	99 00
Madison Bartlett, janitor,	2 50
Mary H. Austin, teaching,	57 00
Iva L. McArdle, teaching,	100 00
Ada M. Briggs, teaching,	106 00
Retta C. Berry, teaching,	72 00
May A. McArdle, teaching,	62 00
Geo. Robinson, carrying scholars,	30 00
A. W. Walker & Son, coal,	113 50
Grace Harlow, teaching,	90 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	6 90
Chronicle Association, advt. high school,	3 75
O. E. Barrows, carrying scholars,	50 00
S. M. King, wood,	1 00

Franklin Maxim, wood for schools,	\$ 8 00
Pine Tree Water Co., water for schools,	18 00
Carroll R. King, wood for schools,	1 45
H. N. Bolster, assessing South Paris School Precinct tax,	6 00
Geo. P. Tucker, janitor services,	5 00
F. R. Witham, carrying scholars,	48 00
Eva E. Walker, teaching,	67 00
Iva L. McArdle, teaching,	80 00
Susie M. Wheeler, teaching,	64 00
Ivy Richardson, teaching,	64 00
Emma E. Shurtleff, teaching,	87 00
Hattie M. Leach, teaching,	75 00
Retta Berry, teaching,	58 00
Dora A. Parsons, teaching,	50 00
——— Doughty, teaching,	54 00
J. Persis Childs, teaching,	56 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Carroll, teaching,	62 00
Olive C. Swett, teaching,	50 00
Ethel Dean, teaching,	58 00
Lucinda Field, teaching,	50 00
Frank Robbins, janitor,	1 00
Bessie C. Colby, teaching,	46 00
Clara Berry, teaching,	56 00
Will K. Holmes, teaching,	58 00
Walter L. Gray, bills paid,	1 25
A. H. Jackson, on collecting school precinct tax,	10 00
A. D. Andrews, assessing school precinct tax,	6 00
M. W. Bessey, carrying scholars,	21 60
Mrs. Geo. B. Stone, carrying scholars,	16 00
Geo. Robinson, carrying scholars,	24 00
Oscar E. Barrows, carrying scholars,	40 00

\$8,282 84

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES, 1899.

Scott Marston,	\$ 50
A. C. Jones,	7 33
S. M. King,	60
Geo. M. Giles,	1 70
Lilla Titcomb,	2 00
T. F. Hathaway,	5 00
A. J. Penley,	1 50
L. B. Swan,	3 54
Bessie C. Colby,	3 00
Mrs. A. D. Littlehale,	2 00
Mary Littlehale,	3 00
Florence A. Ripley,	2 50
Mrs. E. P. Pratt,	2 00
J. A. Sturtevant,	2 00
Mrs. Geo. A. Gibbs,	2 00
Paris Manufacturing Co.,	4 00
Mrs. C. E. Chase,	5 00
Wm. E. Curtis,	5 50
Frank Robbins,	4 00
Albion Abbott,	15 44
M. Anna Willis,	15 00
F. H. Packard, M. D.,	3 00
J. H. Cole,	262 64
Albion Abbott,	20 15
Chas. C. Colby,	12 75
Grinfill Stuart,	41 44
A. W. Walker & Son,	8 95
Wm. F. Willis,	18 67
C. W. Bowker,	1 50
Paris Manufacturing Co.,	4 00
Walter L. Gray,	8 34
F. C. Merrill,	2 30
Jacob Bennett,	1 00
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies,	6 62
Chas, C. Colby,	12 50

Total,

\$491 47

Statement of Account.

Balance unexpended of 1898,	\$ 8 88
Appropriation of 1899,	500 00
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	\$ 508 88
Amount expended in 1899,	\$ 491 47
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Balance unexpended,	\$ 17 41

ORDERS FOR TEXT BOOKS, YEAR 1899.

Atwood & Forbes, printing,	\$ 5 25
Walter L. Gray, express bills,	7 17
American Book Co., books,	57 75
D. H. Knowlton & Co., books,	7 20
Ally & Bacon, books,	13 34
J. S. Hammett, books,	32 50
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	20 00
Ginn & Co., books,	198 42
S. T. White, supplies,	1 51
Walter L. Gray,	7 40
Ginn & Co., books,	35 90
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	9 24
American Book Co., books,	38 12
Atwood & Forbes, book labels,	2 00
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	2 34
American Book Co.,	5 76
I. F. Frisbie,	8 00
Walter L. Gray,	4 64
Geo. B. Smith, work on diplomas,	4 50
F. A. Shurtleff & Co., books and supplies,	35 56
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	\$496 60

Statement of Account.

Amount appropriation of 1899,	\$500 00
Balance over expenditure of 1898,	\$ 4 74
Expenditure of 1899,	496 60
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	\$501 34
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Balance over expenditure 1899,	\$ 1 34

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY INSURING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation insuring school houses, 1899,	\$100 00
W. J. Wheeler, insurance,	\$ 76 50
W. J. Wheeler, insurance,	11 41
W. J. Wheeler, insurance,	6 41
Over expenditure of 1898,	1 50
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	\$ 95 82
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Balance unexpended,	4 82

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SNOW BILLS IN 1898-99.

Chas. A. Walker,	\$ 3 00
M. A. Stevens,	4 50
B. F. Elwell,	3 00
Wm. C. Libby,	2 80
Chas. A. Prescott,	5 10
M. B. Morey,	6 23
W. F. Dunham,	1 65
Josiah Thurlow,	2 17
Geo. P. Tucker,	20 33
Jas. L. Suckles,	3 90
Wm. H. Robinson,	3 75
E. L. Strout,	25 00
C. F. Harriman,	1 42
J. R. Ryerson,	3 45
A. D. Wing,	11 74
M. S. Bubier,	9 21
Joseph Briggs,	6 87
F. A. Briggs,	98
Lafayette Waterhouse,	4 45
George H. Proctor,	16 35
Alphonso Allen,	8 40
D. S. Paine,	4 20
E. E. Landers,	1 50
B. C. Curtis,	27 23
C. W. Chase,	21 15
John G. Swett,	5 85
W. D. Gates,	8 40

J. R. Hazelton,	\$ 4 50
G. A. Jackson,	19 42
Asa Harriman,	3 52
Geo. E. Boutelle,	5 10
F. Lovejoy,	7 75
A. J. Abbott,	19 10
Frank Harriman,	1 95
A. O. Corbett,	28 72
C. A. Fickett,	5 70
Frank Bennett,	13 50
Fred W. Harding,	5 62
H. M. Tucker,	11 19
M. W. Bessey,	8 40
W. T. Knightly,	18 30
W. F. Foster,	16 05
Mrs. E. A. Jackson,	2 25
A. F. Thurlow,	19 76
A. E. Dean,	7 65
J. A. Sturtevant,	19 65
D. M. Gammon,	61 18
P. M. Crockett,	6 00
Rodney Titcomb,	8 40
Orrin Whittemore,	8 00
G. M. Whitehead,	6 82
Willie DeCoster,	8 30
Fred H. DeCoster,	9 15
Harrison Farrar,	41 92
John W. Webber,	12 49
E. E. Allen,	10 57
J. H. Ellingwood,	15 15
Ira D. Shaw,	26 45
C. W. Shaw,	32 32
J. Ferd King,	26 44
Joe Ratcliffe,	3 69
O. E. Lawrence,	11 40
F. B. Hammond,	7 29
E. E. Tucker,	9 38
E. E. Record,	14 40
W. L. Jackson,	4 75

F. E. Berry,	\$ 8 25
Nathan Maxim,	40 35
O. K. Clifford,	1 80
C. N. Porter,	33 23
C. E. Bennett,	3 60
Almon Churchill,	14 63
Geo. A. Gibbs,	24 72
Frank R. Witham,	65 10
E. A. Dean,	2 65
Geo. L. Dean,	7 16
Henry Kerr,	5 32
Henry Kerr,	1 00
A. O. Wheeler,	3 60
W. S. Austin,	10 58
C. B. Stevens,	8 55
A. B. Talbot,	1 50
C. R. King,	6 30
A. C. Record,	28 57
A. F. Hollis,	1 58
H. P. Ellis,	6 02
L. J. Lewis,	14 33
F. C. Ryerson,	40 16
L. W. Farrar,	9 60
F. A. Farrar,	30 45
William Daniels,	18 00
F. F. Harlow,	12 25
Ed Hutchinson,	3 30
A. P. Stearns,	21 45
H. M. Lapham,	2 85
A. M. Hammond,	5 20
A. M. Ryerson,	3 90
Ellingwood & Abbott,	12 15
E. B. Stearns,	3 90
W. S. Mason,	8 47
A. S. Andrews,	5 77
F. H. Andrews,	5 32
Chas. R. Penley,	16 05
H. L. Swift,	4 20
N. M. Rowe,	2 18

F. M. Penley,	\$ 11 10
W. H. Thayer,	1 50
Chas. H. Colby,	16 35
H. H. McKeene,	8 03
Wm. Adams,	3 22
S. A. Bumpus,	7 50
A. G. Dudley,	4 58
L. E. Thayer,	25 50
E. H. Stearns,	23 25
R. H. Gates,	8 52
S. Buck,	3 00
O. E. Barrows,	63 45
H. Bradford,	68
C. E. Bradford,	1 28
S. N. Young,	5 55
Geo. L. Jackson,	5 55
F. S. Farnham,	5 48
J. C. Howe,	10 65
O. G. Curtis,	18 59
W. K. Clifford	3 15
A. J. Foster,	2 40
H. H. Cole,	1 05
A. R. Tuell,	8 93
B. L. Swift,	2 63
M. A. Stevens,	9 19
C. W. Stevens,	32 10
Geo. O. Chase,	1 72
C. S. Ross,	3 15
F. B. Scribner,	4 20
Geo. L. Jackson,	3 00
A. G. Tyler,	9 40
J. S. P. Bradford,	11 47
H. R. Edgerly,	2 10
B. F. Richards,	13 65
A. F. Swift,	3 83
H. Fuller,	3 56
C. Howe,	2 70
A. W. Andrews,	2 28
Dennis Swan,	1 57

G. L. Chase,	\$ 3 45
P. M. Holden,	14 47
P. A. Crawford,	11 70
James H. Clark,	3 90
E. F. Barrows,	26 32
G. L. Briggs,	15 15
J. A. Starbird,	6 45
W. G. Everett,	11 48
H. E. and H. D. Hammond,	7 50
C. S. Dudley,	12 05
Wm. E. Cooper,	4 88
B. K. Dow,	7 15
James S. Dudley,	1 50
L. M. Bessey,	5 06
J. E. Bowker,	11 03
O. M. Bowker,	11 03
W. W. Maxim,	3 00
Wm. E. Curtis,	12 00
C. T. Buck,	10 82
A. B. Frost,	5 85
Wm. C. Stearns,	21 23
A. J. Penley,	9 12
O. A. Bird,	7 50
John Bridgham,	1 12
W. O. Stevens,	6 38
Roscoe Tuell,	3 00
G. E. Shaw,	5 63
E. L. Strout,	9 60
G. H. Proctor,	1 95
Geo. B. Stone,	7 80
A. H. Andrews,	13 43
W. H. Lovejoy,	4 12
S. B. Rawson,	3 85
Geo. Parker,	2 48
F. A. Dunham,	7 73
C. York,	1 95
H. H. McKeene,	90
J. P. Curtis,	12 83
A. E. Marshall,	17 43

C. S. Marshall,	\$ 8 44
B. M. Greeley,	75
E. E. Fields,	12 50
S. D. Marshall,	60
M. McKeene,	1 46
Austin Royal,	1 36
Forrest Benson,	2 55
J. F. Littlehale,	1 50
F. L. Dow,	1 05
John Ross,	2 85
J. B. Butterfield,	7 50
C. E. Stevens,	15 23
A. D. Andrews,	5 25
L. K. Stone,	4 08
Walter E. Twitchell,	7 35
Harry Johnson,	1 58
H. P. Hammond,	21 08
H. M. Tuell,	1 72
G. W. Berry,	3 45
J. E. Brock,	1 28
H. L. Curtis,	60
K. Churchill,	1 95
W. G. Hammond,	1 50
C. E. Chase,	1 95
F. E. Gowell,	2 03
L. F. Everett,	1 71
Chas. S. Noble,	3 30
A. F. Ellingwood,	3 97
H. R. Tuell,	60
Seth Benson,	20 85
R. B. Nevers,	6 30
D. P. Curtis,	17 25
D. Ross,	10 75
C. H. Lane,	2 03

 \$2,104 47

Amount appropriated for 1899, \$1,500 00

Amount expended for year 1899, \$2,104 47

 Amount expended over amount appropriated, \$ 604 47

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIRS ON ROADS IN 1899.

Frank W. Hall,	\$ 2 50
Geo. H. Briggs, water tub for 1898,	3 00
Jacob McKeene,	5 18
James L. Suckles, water tub for 1898,	3 00
C. W. Shaw, water tub for 1898,	3 00
Howard Wheeler,	8 13
Ansel Swift,	6 25
C. R. Hezelton,	1 75
Chas. O. Cummings,	24 50
E. L. Strout,	10 00
David Bonney,	2 00
J. S. P. Bradford,	4 50
C. W. Bowker,	21 00
F. C. Record,	7 50
J. L. Chase,	8 25
C. E. Chase,	5 18
W. K. Clifford,	47 25
Chas. E. Dwinals,	3 00
C. G. Brown,	9 00
Daniel C. Churchill, water tub, 1898,	3 00
P. S. Mason,	3 15
S. M. Rowe,	2 85
A. E. Estes,	3 00
Ira D. Shaw,	46 78
Wm. E. Cooper,	1 50
Eugene Fletcher,	6 00
W. J. Wheeler,	12 03
L. E. Thayer,	57 15
C. H. Colby,	50 85
James S. Dudley, water tub, 1898,	3 00
A. O. Corbett,	18 60
Arthur Thurlow,	7 95
M. W. Bessey,	3 60
Wm. Holbrook,	1 50
S. M. Rowe,	75
John A. Nickerson,	9 00
F. C. Record,	5 25
John Bridgham,	4 50

John R. Ryerson,	\$ 11 47
A. D. Wing,	8 77
I. D. Shaw,	2 77
C. W. Shaw,	11 93
J. F. King,	23 18
E. L. Strout,	54 88
Daniel Ross,	3 00
G. L. Chase,	6 00
Arthur Stevens,	3 00
C. B. Stevens,	21 15
Henry Suckles,	4 50
C. S. Dudley,	6 45
I. H. Ellingwood,	4 88
E. E. Allen,	1 50
A. E. Dean,	6 04
L. Howe,	1 25
Chas. Ross,	90
R. H. Gates,	6 30
Henry Kerr,	6 75
B. L. Swift,	3 00
G. B. Shaw,	9 00
W. K. Clifford,	1 50
C. L. Curtis,	6 00
M. Smith,	1 50
James Suckles,	3 00
Chas. R. Penley,	22 10
B. C. Curtis,	9 60
C. O. Cummings,	3 30
O. E. Lawrence,	2 50
Madison Bartlett,	1 50
L. W. Hollis,	4 12
F. Lewis,	2 25
A. W. Andrews,	4 20
Frank Andrews,	5 25
A. S. Andrews,	4 35
L. L. Russell,	52 50
A. H. Andrews,	9 97
J. A. Sturtevant,	6 00
L. Waterhouse,	1 50

A. F. Hollis,	\$ 14 18
Chas. E. Brett,	5 00
D. M. Gammon,	28 65
Gilman Penley,	1 45
Howard G. Bumpus,	1 50
Frank Thomas,	12 00
Ernest Lovejoy,	11 10
Ned Lovejoy,	11 85
Chas. O. Cummings,	24 70
Frank Robbins,	11 25
S. B. Rawson,	12 75
W. T. Knightly,	2 70
J. H. Nichols,	9 90
C. M. Needham,	3 00
A. F. Swift,	4 50
C. N. Porter & Son,	66 00
John Hammond,	2 40
E. B. Stearns,	5 25
L. J. Lewis,	5 75
Fred W. Harding,	9 00
H. H. McKeene,	15 15
A. P. Stearns,	16 20
J. H. Pratt,	2 70
A. E. Marshall,	12 03
C. S. Marshall,	4 28
H. G. Emmons,	3 22
L. W. Farrar,	4 05
Harry Farrar,	10 55
F. A. Farrar,	8 00
F. C. Ryerson,	9 00
A. Allen,	3 75
A. D. Wing,	2 75
H. Smith,	4 12
O. A. Bird,	3 00
Abbott & Ellingwood,	6 00
W. S. Mason,	3 00
Almon Churchill,	15 45
H. M. Lapham,	8 40
A. B. Talbot,	2 25

B. M. Greeley,	\$ 75
O. G. Curtis,	8 70
Frank Bennett,	9 60
A. C. Record,	53 45
S. D. Marshall,	3 75
H. G. Brown,	5 00
Chas. Swett,	2 70
F. Chester Record,	3 30
M. McKeene,	1 50
Nathan Maxim,	29 40
Norway Water Co.,	25 00
Fred H. DeCoster,	9 22
Henry Fobes,	6 88
Austin Royal,	1 20
A. E. Swift,	10 50
P. H. Crawford,	1 20
W. F. Foster,	2 70
F. I. Cummings,	7 25
F. R. Witham,	8 40
J. F. Littlehale,	10 00
Ansel Swift,	3 60
J. A. Porter,	5 25
E. L. Porter,	3 00
E. F. Barrows,	6 00
C. G. Brown,	10 50
G. B. Stone,	6 75
S. O. Colby,	1 75
Chas. F. Swett,	3 00
Wm. C. Stearns,	10 50
M. A. Stevens,	60
Henry Fuller,	97
O. K. Clifford,	7 80
Chas. Gowell,	3 30
Wm. E. Perkins,	1 75
Paris Advertising Co.,	31 35
E. E. Tucker,	2 50
B. Whitten,	3 75
S. B. Rawson,	9 00
Ansel Swift,	8 25

E. L. Strout,	\$ 12 00
E. H. Stearns,	9 00
J. E. Bowker,	7 95
O. M. Bowker,	2 70
O. M. Bowker,	7 95
J. B. Butterfield,	1 50
Geo. L. Briggs,	6 00
C. W. Wyman,	2 33
O. E. Barrows,	28 50
C. E. Stevens,	10 12
W. J. Wheeler,	12 00
A. D. Andrews,	5 70
E. S. Hammond,	9 45
Henry Fobes,	4 81
L. K. Stone,	7 42
G. F. Marshall,	9 00
John A. Nickerson,	8 25
A. W. Walker,	6 75
A. H. Andrews,	2 12
James S. Dudley,	3 00
C. G. Brown,	2 40
Madison Bartlett,	2 63
Oscar W. Parsons,	3 00
Walter E. Twitchell,	1 05
G. A. Gibbs,	6 75
H. M. Tucker,	28 09
H. P. Hammond,	7 25
H. P. Hammond,	7 50
H. P. Hammond,	4 55
Geo. L. Dean,	1 75
Chas. E. Brett,	2 50
G. S. Boutelle,	1 50
F. E. Lovejoy,	1 50
B. F. Cummings,	3 19
W. H. Prescott,	5 00
G. B. Stone,	7 50
B. F. Richards,	8 40
John Swift,	3 00
A. G. Dudley,	17 93

W. K. Clifford,	\$ 6 00
G. W. Berry,	1 60
Wm. C. Witham,	1 95
F. R. Witham,	3 07
R. L. Cummings,	1 50
L. E. Thayer,	1 75
H. W. Childs,	1 50
B. Whitten,	1 00
C. E. Brett,	1 80
W. J. Wheeler,	1 20
John A. Nickerson,	7 50
J. F. King,	1 95
Frank Thomas,	12 60
C. F. Barden,	1 50
O. K. Clifford,	1 35
E. A. Dudley,	68 00
E. L. Strout,	9 48
F. S. Farnham,	5 62
G. L. Jackson,	12 00
J. C. Howe,	24 85
A. F. Hollis,	7 42
A. B. Frost,	2 25
O. E. Barrows,	8 80
C. W. Bowker,	47 75
C. N. Needham,	3 00
Chas. Edwards,	14 30
S. M. King,	7 82
G. P. Abbott,	2 40
E. H. Stearns,	7 50
L. S. Billings,	85 63
A. P. Stearns,	5 75
H. R. Tuell,	4 50
O. M. Bowker,	2 25
P. Bedard,	1 50
J. A. Starbird,	1 65
Geo. R. Hammond,	11 60
F. A. Farrar,	5 25
H. E. Perkins,	3 00
L. B. Swan,	3 25

H. N. Bolster,	\$ 4 50
W. H. Caswell,	2 00
G. A. Jackson,	3 30
A. J. Abbott,	9 57
N. J. Cushman,	10 00
H. G. Brown,	6 12
Frank Robbins,	2 50
A. C. Record,	34 02
B. C. Curtis,	1 50
Almon Churchill,	11 25
A. B. Talbot,	2 25
Seth Benson,	3 60
C. B. Stevens,	11 18
R. B. Nevers,	1 50
C. S. Marshall,	2 40
J. P. Richardson,	9 62
A. E. Swift,	1 27
J. H. Nichols,	3 75
S. E. Newell,	2 33
L. E. Newell,	2 20
Geo. W. Cole,	9 67
R. L. Cummings,	2 00
B. F. Richards,	6 60
F. H. DeCoster,	2 10
P. M. Holden,	1 50
Wm. E. Curtis,	16 65
J. F. Littlehale, water tub,	3 00
S. D. Marshall,	3 60
Chas. Swett,	1 09
A. W. Walker & Son,	11 02
L. A. Rowe,	1 50
W. L. Farrar,	3 00
L. K. Stone,	2 33
Hudson Knight,	3 57
Chas. T. Buck,	4 00
A. W. Walker & Son, on new road S. Parker's,	8 75
John H. Martin,	1 50
D. Roes,	3 00
E. B. Stearns, water tub,	3 00

Norway Water Co., bal. for use water in Market Sq.,	
to Feb. 1, 1900,	\$ 25 00
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	\$2,353 08

Statement of Account.

Amount appropriated for 1899,	\$2,500 00
Amount expended of tax of 1899,	2,353 08
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Balance unexpended,	\$ 146 92

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Inmates :—Nathan Fogg, 87 years; Mrs. Nathan Fogg, 86 years; Benjamin Thurlow, 81 years; Fred LeBarron, 32 years; Eben Humphrey. Tramps, 34. Average inmates for the year, 4 1-2.

RECEIPTS.

Cream sales for April, May, June, July, August,	
September, and October,	\$216 65
For November, December, and January, estimated,	70 00
Oxen sold,	130 00
Sweet corn sold,	18 01
Birch bolts sold,	2 50
Wood sold,	9 00
Eggs sold,	1 05
Farrow cow sold,	15 00
Calf sold,	8 00
Pork sold,	18 30
Potatoes sold, N. D. B. & Co.,	14 07
H. L. Ryerson, paid for hay for steers owned by Emery	
Ryerson and kept on farm to Feb. 22, 1900,	
(grain furnished and paid for by Ryerson,)	12 00
Sundry small sums received,	2 25
Received on board of Joseph R. Pulsifer,	7 00
Labor off farm,	14 36
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	\$538 19

EXPENDITURES.

Oxen bought,	\$110 00
A. W. Walker, ice bought,	3 30
A. W. Walker, phosphate,	13 00
W. O. & G. W. Frothingham, boots, Fred LeBarron,	2 75
F. C. Merrill, plow,	12 00
H. P. Millett, horse sleds,	11 00
Atwood & Forbes, Oxford Democrat,	1 50
Town of Oxford, tax paid,	4 90
S. L. Sturtevant, for butter,	18 12
C. H. Flood, pasturing young stock,	2 50
Flour, meal and feed bought,	195 68
Orders drawn for groceries,	166 51
J. F. Plummer, supplies for Fred LeBarron,	2 70
A. W. Walker & Son, for two shoats,	7 00
F. A. Shurtleff & Co., supplies,	14 21
Horatio Woodbury, M. D., medical attendance,	8 50
Paid bull service,	2 50
P. Cain, veterinary surgeon,	3 00
F. R. Witham, labor,	2 50
Robert Thomas, planting corn,	1 15
Kim Thomas, planting corn, (second planting,)	1 50
A. L. Holmes, labor,	50
F. R. Witham, labor,	1 00
S. L. Sturtevant, labor,	3 00
F. R. Witham, butchering,	2 25
Will Pratt, labor,	7 00
S. R. Parsons, labor,	1 00
H. P. Millett, blacksmith bill,	1 25
C. H. Hemingway, blacksmith bill,	40
Sam Record, blacksmith bill,	15
H. Z. Perkins, blacksmith bill,	2 10
James Pledge, meat bill,	2 28
H. E. Wilson, meat bill,	50
Herbert Flood, beef,	7 15
P. M. Holden, meat bill,	3 77
J. P. Richardson, hardware,	5 84
Paid clothes Fred LeBarron,	3 00
Paid shoes Nathan Fogg,	1 20

Postage and stationery, &c.,	\$ 1 05
Paid for garden rake,	45
Paid for sweet corn seed,	3 00
Overseer's salary,	300 00
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	\$931 21

Appraisal of Town Farm Property.

Town farm value,	\$2,600 00
1 horse,	60 00
1 harness,	20 00
7 cows,	210 00
1 three-year-old heifer,	30 00
1 two-year-old heifer,	20 00
4 yearling heifers,	40 00
1 yearling bull,	20 00
2 swine,	9 00
20 hens,	8 00
90 bushels potatoes,	35 00
150 pounds salt pork,	10 00
45 pounds fresh pork,	3 50
78 pounds pickled hams,	5 00
100 pounds fresh beef,	5 00
7 pounds butter, 22 cents,	1 50
25 pounds lard,	2 00
4 barrels apples,	8 00
30 pounds dried apple,	1 25
20 gallons soft soap,	2 00
Hard soap,	1 00
Beans,	5 00
Ice in house, 20 tons,	10 00
5 1-2 cords dry hard wood,	22 50
30 cords green wood, 4-foot,	60 00
30 tons of hay,	300 00
Unthreshed oats,	50 00
Furniture,	200 00
Farming tools and ice tools,	125 00

Value of town farm, stock, &c., Feb. 1st, 1900, \$3,863 75

Value of town farm, stock, &c., Feb. 1st, 1900,	\$3,863 75
Value of town farm, stock, &c., Feb. 1st, 1899,	3,743 75
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Balance in favor of farm,	\$ 120 00

Statement.

Showing cost of support of the poor on the town farm over and above receipts from the farm :

Total expense account,		\$931 21
Total receipts from the farm,	\$538 19	
Gain in appraisal of farm property,	120 00	
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Balance against the town farm,		\$273 02

The Selectmen visited the town farm on Thursday, the 1st day of February, and we found the general condition of things about the farm and house as they appeared to the eye, very favorable. The stock was looking well. The cream receipts were very good, but the results of the farming operations were not as good as we hoped we might find, but this shortage of receipts is not wholly, if at all, chargeable to the farm overseer, but rather to the conditions of weather of the past season. We have no fault to find with Mr. Ryerson in his management of the farm, and the financial success that our report of town farm shows of his management, we think justifies this conclusion. As to the peace and harmony of the entire family on the farm, we did not find a complete condition of peace and quietness existing. There were complaints made to us by both the overseer and some of the inmates, but they were so different and conflicting that we were not able to judge very closely as to where the larger part of the blame belonged, but were led to conclude that unwise and hasty actions might be chargeable to both overseer and some of the inmates, and also that unwise and uncalled for advice from outside parties may have been somewhat the cause of keeping the fires of discord burning.

We have considered the case carefully and as wisely as we could under the light and facts that we were able to obtain, bearing upon the case, and have decided to allow Mr. Ryerson to close his services as overseer, at the expiration of the time for which he was hired.

We have engaged Mr. Elliott E. Record and his wife to take charge of the farm and the inmates for the next year at a salary of \$300 for the year.

Hoping that we have taken the course of action that shall be for the best interests of all concerned, we leave the case, only asking the people of the town to withhold their judgment till the close of the year, and then the results as they shall appear may help them in forming their decision.

Orders Drawn for Support of Poor off Town Farm, 1899.

Mrs. C. W. Twitchell, washing, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	\$ 2 50
Julia Hodgdon, washing, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	2 50
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deering, care of their son,	12 50
A. D. Andrews, expense in care of Ethel Brooks,	14 00
Alton A. Dean, supplies furnished,	2 15
H. N. Bolster, wood for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	10 50
H. N. Bolster, wood for Chas. Dwinals,	10 50
Mary Stevens, boarding Eben Humphrey,	10 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board, &c., of Hattie E. Johnson,	32 14
Maine Insane Hospital, board of Geo. C. Mason,	35 61
Maine Insane Hospital, board of O. F. Small,	34 78
Mrs. J. Wesley Whitman, nursing Alvira Brooks,	4 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deering, support of son,	12 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	4 50
N. H. Bolster, expense of Mrs. Bean to Paris,	3 00
Mrs. Pauline Soper, care of daughter,	12 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	5 00
Vernon Walton, labor and supplies, Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	8 49
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	15 00
Gideon Bean, moving Geo. B. Larrabee,	6 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	2 25
James S. Wright, expense to Machias, case of Geo. B. Larrabee,	42 60

Mrs. Gideon Bean, boarding Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	\$ 7 00
Mrs. W. F. Wilcox, burial expense W. F. Wilcox, veteran soldier,	35 00
Wm. M. Shaw, keeping tramps,	3 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, boarding, &c., Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, boarding, &c., Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, boarding, &c., Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Julia Hodgdon, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mary Stevens, boarding Eben Humphrey,	13 00
Mrs. Orange F. Small, supplies,	5 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, board and nursing, Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deering, support of son,	20 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, board and nursing Mrs. Geo. Lar- rabee,	7 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Hattie E. Johnson,	36 69
Maine Insane Hospital, support of George C. Mason,	32 86
Maine Insane Hospital, support of O. F. Small,	33 08
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	2 25
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
F. E. Hammond, boarding Mrs. James Noyes,	26 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
John R. Ford, keeping tramps,	12 10
S. T. White, medicine for Mrs. Elvira Brooks,	2 40
S. T. White, medicine for Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	58 37
Mrs. Gideon Bean, support Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
A. A. Marks, legs for Geo. Twitchell, balance paid,	101 45
C. N. Porter & Son, milk for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	12 11
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	5 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing, Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 00
W. L. Farrar, supplies for Chas. Dwinal,	2 13
W. L. Farrar, supplies for Geo. E. Buck,	10 80
W. L. Farrar, supplies for Geo. B. Larrabee,	22 55
Pauline Soper, support of daughter,	12 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	9 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	2 25

Mrs. Melvina Howe, care of Mrs. Clifton Churchill,	\$ 5 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deering, support of son,	20 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
C. D. Hill, M. D., amputating leg of Chas. Hall,	20 00
F. H. Packard, M. D., medical aid, Chas. Hall,	15 00
Benjamin Davis, nursing Chas. Hall,	5 00
Mrs. L. Jackson, nursing Chas. Hall,	3 00
Mrs. Eva Daniels, nursing Chas. Hall,	1 50
Mary Stevens, boarding Eben Humphrey,	10 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, care of Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	7 00
Mechanic Falls, rent and milk bill, John Hooper,	44 65
Mrs. Gideon Bean, care of Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	4 00
Mark McKeene, to paying moving expense to Toronto, Canada,	50 00
Mrs. Melvina Howe, work for Clifton Churchill,	6 25
Calvin Cole, nursing Chas. Hall,	32 00
Mrs. Gideon Bean, nursing Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	12 00
I. W. Shaw, supplies furnished Clifton Churchill,	11 77
Mary Stevens, boarding Eben Humphrey,	4 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support Hattie Johnson,	32 86
Maine Insane Hospital, support Geo. C. Mason,	32 86
Maine Insane Hospital, support O. F. Small,	43 74
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 75
Buckfield, paid bills for Clifton Churchill,	25 86
Mrs. Gideon Bean, support of Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	4 00
Fred Packard, supplies for Clifton Churchill,	3 41
C. S. Childs, supplies for Clifton Churchill,	7 68
F. B. Fogg & Co., team to town farm for Mrs. McKeene,	1 00
Mrs. Eva Daniels, nursing Chas. Hall,	15 00
Clinton Cole, caring for Chas. Hall,	2 00
Clarence Gardner, funeral expenses Chas. Hall,	3 00
F. H. Packard, M. D., medical attendance, Chas. Hall,	58 00
Miss Grace Thayer, casket and expense, etc., Chas. Hall,	26 00
S. T. White, medicines for Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	16 80
F. E. Hammond, boarding Mrs. James Noyes,	20 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 00
Norway Water Co., water for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	4 00
F. W. Larrabee, medical aid, F. W. Harding,	9 90

Mrs. Pauline Soper, support of daughter,	\$ 12 00
O. K. Yates, M. D., medical aid, Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	59 00
Horatio Woodbury, M. D., medical aid, Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	8 00
L. B. Andrews, supplies for Mrs. Geo. B. Larrabee,	3 78
Chas. Maxim, milk for Clifton Churchill,	6 12
James S. Wright, paid court cost of Larrabee case, East Machias vs. Paris,	9 31
S. C. Monk, butter for Clifton Churchill,	4 52
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deering, care of son,	22 00
James S. Wright, legal services in Larrabee case,	11 00
James S. Wright, paid court cost, Machias vs. Paris,	9 31
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 00
Mechanic Falls, paid rent of John Hooper,	22 29
Dr. A. C. Whitman, medical aid, Mrs. Clifton Churchill,	19 00
Dr. A. C. Whitman, medical aid, Clifton Churchill child,	7 00
I. F. Emmons, supplies for Mrs. James Noyes,	3 15
A. K. Jackson, keeping tramps,	18 75
J. H. Linscott, rent of O. S. Childs,	3 50
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 50
Paris Manufacturing Co., wood for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	1 75
L. S. Billings, wood for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	2 00
W. M. Shaw, keeping tramps,	3 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support Hattie E. Johnson,	37 55
Maine Insane Hospital, support Geo. C. Mason,	41 75
Maine Insane Hospital, support O. F. Small,	36 68
J. F. Plummer, supplies for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	11 53
L. B. Andrews, supplies for Chas. Dwinal,	5 32
L. B. Andrews, supplies for Mrs. Clifton Churchill,	6 68
L. B. Andrews, supplies for Eben Humphrey,	6 50
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	109 75
W. D. Clark, supplies for Wm. H. Caswell,	2 00
W. L. Farrar, supplies for Oscar S. Childs,	7 95
W. L. Farrar, supplies for J. Q. Allen,	4 50
W. L. Farrar, supplies for Chas. Dwinal,	24 10
H. N. Bolster, supplies for Chas. Dwinal,	5 00
H. N. Bolster, supplies for John Young,	11 00
H. N. Bolster, supplies for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	8 25

C. N. Porter & Son, supplies for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	\$ 9 81
Pauline Soper, support of her daughter,	12 00
Julia Hodgdon, washing for Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	3 00
J. F. Plummer, clothing for Lewis Benson,	25 56
J. F. Plummer, clothing for Clifton Churchill,	10 20
J. F. Plummer, clothing for George Twitchell,	17 00
J. F. Plummer, clothing for Elliott children,	1 27
Ambrose Swan, house rent for Clifton Churchill,	5 25
Ambrose Swan, labor for Clifton Churchill,	1 00
N. D. Bolster & Co., suplies for F. W. Harding,	10 00
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Chas. Dwinals,	2 50
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Lewis Benson,	1 15
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Wm. H. Caswell,	4 25
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Wm. C. Libby,	5 25
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for Clifton Churchill,	7 58
Town of Hampden, support of Moses Swan,	70 31
F. E. Hammond, boarding Mrs. James Noyes,	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Deering, support of their son,	25 00
J. G. Littlefield, M. D., attend. J. B. Smith family,	11 25
J. C. Caldwell, M. D., attend. Mrs. Clifton Churchill,	21 75
W. D. Clark, supplies, W. H. Caswell,	1 40
W. O. & G. W. Frothingham, supplies, J. Q. Allen,	2 50
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies for C. W. Twitchell,	171 89
N. D. Bolster & Co., supplies, Wm. C. Libby,	4 50
W. L. Farrar, supplies for A. M. Cash,	9 48
Dr. Horatio Woodbury, medical attend. A. M. Cash,	10 00
H. N. Bolster, wood for A. M. Cash,	3 00
S. E. Newell, supplies, Alton Dean,	25 93
Moses Swan, balance allowed by town,	9 69
H. N. Bolster, wood, W. H. Caswell,	2 00

Total amount expended, \$2,408 90

**Amount paid for support of Paupers belonging
to other Towns.**

Said amounts to be paid to the Treasurer of Paris.

Mrs. H. G. Merrill, by state,	\$ 240 80
Jennie Soper, town Freeman,	48 00
W. F. Wilcox, funeral charges, by state,	35 00

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Orange F. Small, recd. from Robert O. Small,	\$ 72 00
Chas. Hall, cash found on body after death,	22 94
Chas. Hall, funeral charges paid by state,	26 00
Geo. B. Larrabee, amount recd. from East Machias,	465 81
Fred W. Harding, amount recd. from Andover,	19 40
J. B. Smith, amount recd. from Stow,	11 25
Oscar S. Child, amount recd. from Woodstock,	11 45
A. M. Cash, amount recd. from Greenwood,	22 48
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	\$ 975 13

Amounts Paid for Paupers of Paris.

Charles Hall, bal. paid by town,	\$ 131 56
Clifton Churchill, paid by town,	139 07
Elliott children, paid by town,	9 06
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Deering, paid by town,	111 50
Eben Humphrey, paid by town,	43 50
Mary Noyes, paid by town,	61 00
Chas. E. Dwinals, paid by town,	49 55
Alton A. Dean, paid by town,	28 08
W. H. Caswell, paid by town,	9 65
John Hooper, paid by town,	66 94
Moses Swan, paid by town,	78 00
J. Q. Allen,	7 00

Statement Showing Cost of Support of the Poor to be Paid by the Town of Paris for 1899.

Amount appropriated by the town,	\$ 2,000 00
Amounts received and to be received from the state and towns as shown above,	<hr/> 975 13

Amount provided by town and from other sources, \$2,975 13

Amount paid for support of poor off
from the town farm, \$2,408 90

Balance against town farm for sup-
port of poor,

273 22

Total amount of bills paid,

\$2,682 12

Balance of appropriation unexpended,

\$ 293 01

Orders Drawn to Pay Bills for Insane.

Hattie E. Johnson, support,	\$139 24
Geo. C. Mason, support,	143 08
Orange F. Small, support,	148 28
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	\$ 430 60

Robert O. Small paid on his father's support, \$72.00.

Order drawn for Memorial Day,	\$40 00
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Orders Drawn to Pay for Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Chas. S. Marshall,	\$ 30 00
S. D. Marshall,	10 00
Geo. F. Hammond,	3 50
Mrs. P. M. Colburn,	5 00
A. E. Swift,	9 00
Geo. H. McKeene,	2 00
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	\$59 50

Miscellaneous Bills, Year 1899.

H. L. Bartlett, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	\$1 75
• E. H. Andrews, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 00
H. N. Bolster, paid postage &c.,	1 00
F. A. Shurtleff & Co., vaccine points,	32 00
N. D. Bolster, land damage, Market Sq. to Pine St.,	175 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books and stationery,	24 20
Atwood & Forbes, printing town reports, year 1898,	93 00
Atwood & Forbes, advertising and printing for town,	2 00
Atwood & Forbes, town order books,	6 00
Atwood & Forbes, blank book for dog license,	1 75
W. F. Foster, for damage to carriage on road,	1 25
Horatio Woodbury, M. D., for vaccination of towns- people,	108 30
H. R. Hubbard, services as election clerk,	2 00
O. A. Thayer, services as election clerk,	2 00
W. O. Frothingham, services as election clerk,	2 00
Geo. W. Berry, services as election clerk,	2 00
O. K. Yates, M. D., bill for vaccination,	26 70
A. H. Jackson, services as dog constable, 1899,	15 00
F. W. Larrabee, M. D., recording births and deaths,	3 25

Atwood & Forbes, printing blanks,	\$ 27 75
A. J. Stearns, damages and cost in Jacobs case, vs. Paris,	183 45
A. F. Andrews & Son, witness fees for Jacobs case,	3 24
W. O. & G. W. Frothingham, land damage on new Pine Street,	40 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for town,	90
Wm. E. Perkins, services as health officer,	5 25
A. H. Jackson, writing and posting notices for town meeting,	9 00
James S. Wright, legal services &c., suit, Jacobs vs. Paris,	34 50
Annett Bennett, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	50
Geo. P. Tucker, salary as truant officer, 1898,	5 25
Geo. P. Tucker, salary as truant officer, 1899,	12 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for town use,	2 50
Atwood & Forbes, blanks for collector,	1 75
Chas. W. Bowker, fire inspector,	2 00
H. N. Bolster, postage and incidentals,	6 50
Mt. Mica Building Association, paid rent,	80 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks,	1 00
Horatio Woodbury, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	6 50
F. W. Larrabee, reporting births and deaths,	50
Ethan Willis, services as building inspector,	5 00
W. J. Wheeler, blank book for town use,	3 50
W. J. Wheeler, recording marriages, births and deaths,	25 20
F. H. Packard, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 50
F. H. Packard, M. D., services on board of health,	2 50
F. A. Shurtleff & Co., supplies for town,	2 50
F. A. Shurtleff, office supplies,	25 00
R. L. Cummings, damage to carriage,	2 50

\$993 24

Amount appropriated,	\$1000 00
Amount expended,	993 24

Balance unexpended, \$ 6 76

**Orders Drawn for Town Officers' Bills from Feb. 1
to March 6, 1899.**

H. N. Bolster, balance to March 6, 1899,	\$ 25 25
A. D. Andrews, balance to March 6, 1899,	30 00
Frank Bennett, balance to March 6, 1899,	14 00
Walter L. Gray, balance to March 6, 1899,	25 00
A. H. Jackson, balance to March 6, 1899,	50 00
Roscoe Tuell, balance to March 6, 1899,	14 75
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Total,	\$159 00

**Orders Drawn for Town Officers' Bills from March 6, 1899,
to Feb. 1, 1900.**

H. N. Bolster, services Jan. 1, 1900,	\$ 95 00
H. N. Bolster, services keeping books, drawing orders, &c.,	25 00
A. D. Andrews, services Jan. 1, 1900,	100 00
Frank Bennett, services Jan. 1, 1900,	80 00
Walter L. Gray, superintendent,	271 50
Roscoe Tuell, road commissioner,	198 00
Roscoe Tuell, for use team for the year 1899,	87 75
A. H. Jackson, collector of taxes, 1897, 1898, 1899,	301 47
W. J. Wheeler, services as town clerk,	8 00
F. A. Shurtleff, salary as town treasurer,	87 50
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	\$1,413 22
Amount appropriated,	\$1,500 00
Amount expended,	1,413 22
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Balance unexpended,	\$ 86 78

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FRANK A. SHURTLEFF, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Paris for the year ending January 31, 1900.

DR.

Rec'd cash, balance last report,	\$ 63 62
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1898 tax,	10,283 50
Alfred H. Jackson, col., interest 1898 tax,	265 08
Alfred H. Jackson, col., abatements 1898 tax,	823 49
Alfred H. Jackson, col., precinct 1898 tax,	193 29
Alfred H. Jackson, col., abatements prec. 1898,	12 75
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1899 tax,	12,576 42
Alfred H. Jackson, col., precinct 1899 tax,	336 23
State, State paupers,	323 80
Precinct,	250 00
Damage, sheep by dogs,	59 50
Railroad and telegraph tax, 1899,	17 89
State pensions, 1899,	588 00
School fund and mill tax, 1899,	2,039 56
Burial of soldiers,	61 00
Town of Bethel, act. Lowe child,	7 50
Bethel, act. Geo. E. Buck,	10 80
Machias, act. Geo. W. Larrabee,	465 81
Andover, act. Fred W. Harding,	9 90
James S. Wright, att'ny, act. Town vs. Jacob McKeen,	20 00
Geo. M. Atwood, subscription for Geo. Twitchell's legs,	57 00
S. P. Savings Bank, Bray fund, as per vote of town, with accrued interest (to bring permanent fund to)	540 00
Found on body of Chas. Hall,	22 94
W. J. Wheeler, clerk, dog license, 1899,	185 00
Rent school yard, Sockalexis Co.,	3 00
Robert O. Small, act. Orange Small,	124 96
E. L. Porter, old school house,	20 47
Old school district,	6 08
Wood sold from town house, Paris,	1 33
Tax deeds,	19 42
Licenses,	30 00

Rec'd. cash, tuitions,	\$ 28 00
Non-resident tax,	1 36
Town farm,	421 58
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	\$29,869 28

CR.

Cash act. paid common schools,	\$7,983 74
School repairs,	494 80
School books,	492 10
School insurance,	94 32
Highway,	2,431 45
Snow bills,	2,093 11
Poor and insane,	2,485 28
On town debt,	1,500 00
Interest,	839 60
Miscellaneous orders,	957 16
Officers' salaries,	1,390 97
State pensions,	588 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	66 50
Town farm,	583 16
On overseer's salary,	250 00
Memorial day, Wm. K. Kimball Post,	40 00
Land damage,	215 00
Fountain, Market Square,	50 00
Real estate sold for taxes,	98 62
Abatements, 1898 tax,	823 49
Abatements, precinct, 1898 tax,	12 75
County tax, 1899,	2,149 67
State tax, 1899,	3,486 49
State, dog license, 1899,	185 00
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	\$29,311 21
Cash balance,	558 07
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	\$29,869 28

This is to certify that we have this day examined the books and accounts of F. A. Shurtleff, Treasurer of the town of Paris, and believe the same to be correct to Feb. 1, 1900.

H. N. BOLSTER,	} Selectmen
A. D. ANDREWS,	
FRANK BENNETT,	
	} of
	} Paris.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT, YEAR 1899.

DR.

Balance uncollected tax of 1898,	\$11,324 42
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CR.

Amount collected of tax, 1898,	\$10,283 50	
Taxes sold and bid in by the town,	98 63	
Abatements of tax, 1898,	823 49	
	<u> </u>	11,205 62

Balance of tax uncollected for 1898,	\$118 80
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DR.

To amount received as interest on taxes, \$265 08

CR.

By amount of interest paid treasurer,	265 08
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DR.

Amount committed of tax for 1899,	\$21,559 61
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CR.

Amount collected of tax for 1899,	12,576 42
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Balance of 1899 tax uncollected,	\$8,983 19
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We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of Alfred H. Jackson, Collector, and find all correct.

H. N. BOLSTER,	} Selectmen
A. D. ANDREWS,	
FRANK BENNETT,	
	} of
	} Paris.

LIST OF TAXES ABATED FOR YEAR 1898.

NAME.	AMT.	REASON.
Austin, W S.	\$ 3 00	Paid in Buckfield
Ayer, Geo.	3 00	Not able to pay
Andrews, Chas A	6 15	Error in assessment
Allen, Howard	3 00	Paid in Norway
Ames, Albert	3 00	Paid in Hartford
Benson, S W	3 00	Not able to pay
Briggs, Chas	3 00	Not of age
Brock, Mrs Betsey	6 15	Not able to pay
Bonney, Orrel	3 00	Deceased
Barker, O E	3 00	Not to be found
Bubler, Wheeler	2 15	Error in assessment
Churchill, Clifton	5 05	Not able to pay
Clifford, Chas H.	3 00	
Cole, James E, Jr.	3 00	
Cummings, Woodbury	3 51	Paid in Greenwood
Coombs, F J	4 53	Deceased
Chase, C F	3 41	Error in listing
Childs, Oscar	3 00	Not able to pay
DeCoster, Alfred F	3 00	Error in listing
DeCoster, L D	8 00	Paid in Buckfield
DeCoster, A G	3 00	Not of age
Estes, A C	41	Error in listing
Felton, Geo F	3 00	Lived in Norway
Felton, Albert	8 00	Not able to pay
Fuller, Ida W	10 25	Error in listing
Frost, Freeman	3 00	Not in town
Frost, Arthur W	3 00	Not in town
Faunce, Herbert, Jr.	3 00	Not taxable
Gates, Jeremiah	3 00	Left town
Hewett, Mrs Sarah J	61 50	Error in listing
Hall, A C	1 54	Error in assessment
Hall, Frank W	2 00	Not able to pay
Howe, Otis	6 07	Not able to pay
Howe, Mrs Otis	14 35	Not able to pay
Hutchinson, Chas H	8 00	Deceased
Henry, O J	3 00	Not of age
Huston, Llewellyn	3 00	Left town before tax committed
Hannal, A J	3 00	Not found
Huston, C L	8 00	Error in listing
Ives, Robert	3 00	Not found
Jackson, Mrs E A	20 50	Error in listing
Johnson, Henry	3 00	Not able to pay
Jordan, F L	3 00	Not of age
Jenkins, C A	3 00	Not found
King, Henry	3 00	Soldier
Kenneston, N A	3 00	Unable to pay
Keene, A A	3 00	Not of age
Kelley, Geo	3 00	Not found
Lowell, E E	3 00	Deceased
Lurvey, Geo L	3 00	Paid in Portland
Lunt, C H	3 00	
Lapham, J W	3 00	Paid in Milton
Mason, Ernest	3 00	Listed twice
Maxim, Ernest	3 00	Paid in Norway
Crockett, Ernest B	3 00	Listed twice
Cobb, Eben	3 00	
Marshall, Eben H	2 05	Error in listing
Mayhew, P C	3 82	Paid in Sumner
Morton, H J	3 07	Error in listing
Mann, T E	3 00	Not of age
Mills, Chas N	3 41	In Portland
Perry, J C	3 00	Sick
Porter, F E	3 00	Lives in Norway
Pike, Fred D	3 00	Out of town
Park, A D	6 15	
Rawson, S B	3 00	Error
Record, Chester F	82	Not able to pay
Rowe, Lewis A	51	Error
Ryerson, John R	3 00	Error
Ryerson, H L	3 00	Not able to pay
Ripley, Ransom	3 00	Paid in Oxford

List of Taxes to be Abated for the Year 1898.-(Continued.)

NAME.	AMT.	REASON.
Reeves, John.....	\$ 3 00	Soldier
Sanborn, Horace.....	3 45	Error
Sanborn, Elliott.....	3 30	Error
Starbird, A.....	3 41	Soldier
Swan, Freeland.....	3 00	Not able to pay
Shaw, A C.....	6 15	Over valued
Swift, Herbert L.....	20 50	Error in listing
Scribner, Chas A.....	3 00	Not found
Stetson, C A.....	3 00	Out of town
Starsett, B R.....	3 00	
Salisbury, Chester.....	3 00	
State of Maine Wood Rim Co.....	307 50	By vote of town
Thayer, Levi.....	3 00	
Tucker, Geo P.....	3 00	State aid
True, Mrs D N.....	10 25	Error listing
Thurlow, Fred A.....	3 51	Paid in Woodstock
Thurlow, Ed.....	3 00	Paid in Woodstock
Tribou, H E.....	3 00	Not taxable
Trask, A D.....	3 00	
Thurlow, H E.....	3 00	Listed twice
Wheeler, A C.....	3 00	Not of age
Washburn, F L.....	3 00	Gone
Washburn, Calvin.....	3 00	Not of age
Whittemore, Orin.....	3 00	
Winslow, J H.....	1 00	Error
Whitman, W G.....	3 00	
Whitman, Nancy B.....	10 25	Error in listing
Whitman, Nellie.....	1 02	Error in listing
Whitman, Herbert L.....	3 00	
Whitman, J Wesley.....	5 05	Not able to pay
Whittle, Minot L.....	2 05	
Willett, H A.....	8 20	
Weaver, C A.....	3 00	Skipped
Wilcox, Frank.....	3 00	Deceased
Yates, W F.....	3 00	Cannot find
Bray, Chas.....	6 15	Error in listing
Hazen, Geo.....	4 10	Error in listing
Pike, J M.....	2 05	Error in listing
Steele, Lizzie.....	2 05	Error in listing
Allen, Harvey.....	3 00	Cannot find
Berry, W H.....	3 00	Cannot find
Emery, F A.....	3 00	Error
Gerrish, L P.....	3 00	Paid in Lisbon
Hall, Fred O.....	3 00	Paid in Hebron
Thomas, Jesse.....	3 00	Paid twice
Weston, William.....	3 00	Paid in Hebron
West, Lester.....	3 00	Not of age
Wight, John.....	3 00	Paid in Gilead
Jackson, Mrs Jairus.....	12 30	Error

\$823 49

**Statement of the Financial Standing of the
Town February 1, 1900.**

Town notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1899,	\$15,475 00
Amount paid on notes to Feb. 1, 1900,	1,500 00
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	\$13,975 00
Amount of Bray fund, held in trust by town,	540 00
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Amount of notes and Bray fund against the town Feb. 1, 1900,	\$14,515 00
School fund,	3,627 50
Due to schools,	708 00
Bal. unexpended on repairs on school houses in 1899,	9 53
Text books for 1899,	3 85
Insuring school houses in 1899,	4 16
Town officers' bills,	86 78
Support of paupers,	293 01
Road repairs,	146 92
Miscellaneous bills,	6 76
Amount outstanding on unpaid orders,	270 48
Outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
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	\$19,871 99

Balance uncollected on tax of 1898,	\$ 118 80
Balance uncollected on tax of 1899,	8,983 19
Due from state on account of Mrs. H. G. Merrill,	240 80
Due from Freeman, support of Jennie Soper,	48 00
Due from Andover, support of F. W. Harding,	10 00
Due from Stow, support of J. B. Smith,	11 25
Due from Woodstock, support of Oscar S. Childs,	11 45
Due from Greenwood, support of A. M. Cash,	22 48
Due from Robt. O. Small, on support of Orange F. Small at insane hospital,	129 07
Due from state on dog licenses, year 1898,	109 00
Due from state on dog licenses, year 1899,	125 50
Due from South Paris School Precinct, balance un- collected on tax of 1898,	8 93
Due from South Paris School Precinct, balance un- collected on tax of 1899,	212 01
Due from state on account of free high school,	125 00
Cash on hand,	558 07
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	\$10,713 55
Net debt of town,	\$9,158 44

Report of the Crocker and Bray Funds.

The reorganization of the Washington Water Co., in whose bonds the Crocker fund was invested, has been completed and a new bond for one thousand dollars on twenty-five years time issued to the town. This bond bears interest at the rate of 4 per cent for five years, 4 1-2 for five years, and 5 per cent for fifteen years. One year's interest has been paid.

Crocker fund,	\$1,000 00
Income received in 1899,	\$40 00
Amount distributed,	36 00
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Balance cash on hand,	\$ 4 00

REPORT OF THE BRAY FUND.

Amount of fund at time of last report,	\$520 74
Dividend and interest added,	19 26
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Amount of fund now held in trust by the town,	\$540 00
Balance of interest to Feb. 1, 1900, \$4.74.	

RECOMMENDATIONS.**BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

For schools,	\$3,945 00
Free high school,	750 00
Repairs and school house supplies,	500 00
Books, supplies, apparatus and appliances,	500 00
Insuring school houses,	50 00

BY SELECTMEN.

For poor and insane,	\$2,000 00
Town officers' salaries,	1,400 00
Roads and bridges,	2,500 00
Snow bills,
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00
Town debt and interest,	1,500 00

H. N. BOLSTER,) Selectmen
 A. D. ANDREWS,) of
 FRANK BENNETT,) Paris.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

TO ALFRED H. JACKSON, a constable of the town of Paris, in the County of Oxford,—Greeting:

In the name of the state of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Paris, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the New Hall in South Paris village in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Crocker and Bray funds.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to elect its Superintendent of Schools by ballot.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for a free high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchase of school books, supplies, apparatus and appliances for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for school house repairs and supplies for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise to insure school houses.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor and insane for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay town officers' bills for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$604.47 to cover the deficiency in the appropriation raised for snow bills at the last annual town meeting.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay the snow bills of the present winter.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to expend any part of the money raised for the repair of highways in said town on the sidewalks of the villages in said town, and if so how much.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to establish a public watering tub at Paris Hill, and if so voted, to see what amount of money it will appropriate for that purpose.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise to be used in paying town debt and interest.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to build the road as laid out and accepted by the town some years ago, said road leading from Gary St., near the house of W. H. Jenne, to the Rumford road, so called, and raise money for that purpose.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to change the road near the homestead of S. P. Stearns, in South Paris, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and raise money for the same.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay miscellaneous bills for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise any sum of money to be expended by Wm. K. Kimball Post, G. A. R., in suitably observing Memorial Day, and if so, how much.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after the first of January, 1901.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on the taxes of 1900 if paid before Jan. 1, 1901, and if so, fix the rate.

ART. 25. To hear the report of the selectmen relative to the ownership or interests of the town in the old town house on Paris Hill, and take action thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the superintending school committee to employ teachers for the schools in the Biscoe, Tubbs and Whittemore districts, so called, during, or for any part of the present school year.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to build a school house in the Mountain district, so called, on lot located by the selectmen, and according to plan herewith presented to the town and approved by the superintending school committee, and if voted to build, raise and appropriate money for that purpose.

ART. 28. To see what action the town will take relative to the collecting the amounts due on the tax title deeds now in the hands of the treasurer.

ART. 29. To see what instructions the town will give selectmen or road commissioner to clear highways growth and bushes.

ART. 30. To see if the town will offer a bounty on crows killed within the town limits from March 15th to May 15th, 1900.

ART. 31. To see if the town will instruct selectmen to insert abstract of Oxford County finances from year to year in town report.

The selectmen will be in session at the assessors' office at nine o'clock A. M. of said day of meeting, to revise the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Paris, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1900.

H. N. BOLSTER,	} Selectmen of Paris.
A. D. ANDREWS,	
FRANK BENNETT,	

Report of Superintending School Committee.

To the Citizens of Paris:—

Your committee respectfully submit the following report for the current year just ended.

The teachers employed have done good faithful work and have given general satisfaction. The work done by both teachers and scholars has been thorough and painstaking, the discipline good, and the school-rooms kept remarkably neat and clean, in most cases. In some cases a little more attention should have been given to keeping the room neater and more cheerful. One praiseworthy feature has been a marked advance in the matter of methods employed to keep the pupils busy. Nearly all the teachers, in the rural as well as in the village schools, have provided busy work for the little ones, thus forming habits of industry while the pupils are young. It is a fact that the pupils who are kept busy while in the lower grades, make the best students when they become older, and in order to keep them busy all the time, something besides books must be furnished them; for they are not capable of close application to books until they get out of the lower grades. The busy work of the little ones has also furnished decorations for the school-rooms. The folded papers and paper chains, made of bright colored paper, have been placed on the walls and have added much to the cheerfulness of the room.

Without doubt, many of the new ideas which the teachers have incorporated into their schools are due to the summer school held at Norway during the past summer. It was gratifying to note that every one of our teachers attended the school the whole or a part of the time and we are pleased at the prospect of having the school for two more summers. We

commend the teachers for their good attendance on same and recommend their attendance in the future, at least while it is at Norway.

Six insurance policies have been renewed during the past year. Following are the insured houses :

Bolster,	\$ 250	Expires	June 4, 1902
Brick,	3300	"	Sept. 12, 1902
Pleasant Street,	600	"	Sept. 12, 1902
Porter,	600	"	Sept. 12, 1902
Tubbs,	300	"	Jan. 25, 1903
Biscoe,	200	"	Dec. 9, 1902
West Paris,	1250	"	Aug. 16, 1901
Paris Hill,	1250	"	Aug. 16, 1901
Partridge,	300	"	Nov. 29, 1902
Hollow,	400	"	July 23, 1900
Porter,	400	"	Aug. 22, 1901
Harbor,	400	"	Aug. 22, 1901
Shurtleff,	1250	"	May 16, 1901
King,	400	"	May 16, 1901
Forbes,	400	"	May 16, 1901

From the above, it will be seen that only one policy expires during the coming year, but there are three good houses, viz. : the Tuell, Whittemore, and Webber, without any insurance. If these three houses and the one which will probably be built in the Mountain, are to be insured, it will be necessary to raise money to insure five houses during the next year.

The number of pupils conveyed during the year has been about the same as for the year before, but the prices paid for transportation have been considerable more than formerly. Why this is so, we are unable to state, unless it is because they find there is more work in the carrying of scholars than they at first supposed. The different jobs of conveying were let last spring to the persons who would transport the cheapest, and the *lowest* bids were higher than former prices paid. The prices for transportation have been six dollars for the Bolster scholars ; five dollars for the Snow's Falls and Stearns Hill, and two dollars and ninety cents for the Tubbs, per week. From the above figures, it will be seen that in the

Bolster District the town can maintain a school nearly as cheaply as convey the scholars. On the other hand, the people whose scholars are transported are anxious for them to continue to go to the larger schools rather than go back to their home and smaller ones, because they derive more benefit from contact with the larger number of scholars, and the teachers which the larger schools are able to demand are better trained.

Of the schools which have been in session this year, only two have had an average below eight and require a vote of the town to enable them to continue, namely: the Biscoe and Whittemore. These two schools, because of their location, ought to be continued, as the cost of conveying would be much more than that of supporting a school.

In the matter of repairs, your committee have done several extensive and thorough jobs. The Tuell-town house has been newly shingled, clapboarded, painted outside, furnished with new doors and windows, sheathed inside, both walls and overhead, with Southern pine, and a new floor laid. This house is now as good as new. The Harbor house has been sheathed inside in the same manner as the Tuell-town house. The Whittemore has been newly clapboarded on one end, the underpinning put into place and painted. At West Paris, the privilege for a spring has been bought, deeded to the town, spring dug and water run into the basement of the house. These schools are now furnished with first-class spring water of their own. Besides these, many minor repairs have been made and several new stoves, chairs, &c., have been bought, all of which comes from the repairs fund. This year the money for cleaning houses has also come from the repairs fund. This has heretofore been wrongfully taken from the common school fund.

The repairs work for the coming year should be mostly painting. Several of the houses need a new coat of paint on the outside and a few dollars judiciously spent would add much to the interiors of the majority of the houses in town. A fence should be built around the Shurtleff house lot and considerable work done on the black-boards, which in many of the houses are in wretched condition. It is safe to say that the school

houses were never in better condition. With one exception, they are all in good repair. The Mountain house, although an old landmark, is certainly no ornament to the locality, and as to its fitness for its present use, there is no question but that that stage in its history has long since passed. In this case there is only one thing to do, build them a new house. They have a sufficient number of scholars for a more than average sized school, fourteen, and the house is cold, unhealthy and unfit to send scholars into.

The only change of importance in the text books of the common schools has been to exchange the old Columbian spellers for a more modern and better one. This was a desirable change as the old spelling books were filled with words that were almost never used, and not with those the pupils would ordinarily meet in their other books. In the Intermediate grades, a new elementary history of the United States has been introduced. This has been a very profitable addition to their list of books, from the fact that it is an interesting book for the young pupils and has served the teachers in lieu of busy work.

In the High School, the old Greek Lessons, which were all worn out, have been exchanged for Frisbie's new book for beginners, and also some of the older and most worn Latin texts for more modern new books. An English History has been introduced and quite an addition has been made to the reference books in the English department.

The change most needed for the coming year is in the matter of Grammars and Elementary English. The books now in use are in very poor condition, have been in use for some time, and are certainly inferior to some of the later productions. Therefore it is a matter of economy to change, both to get better books and get them as cheaply as possible. By adopting a new text, something can be realized from the old ones, while they are thrown away, if we do not make a change.

A more thorough classification of the scholars in the district and some of the village schools has been attempted and with pleasing results. The results are that the number of daily recitations has been diminished and the num-

ber of the pupils in the classes has been increased. This gives the teachers more time to devote to each recitation, and the increase in the size of the classes incites the pupils to do better work because of competition with a larger number of scholars. The larger the class, up to a certain limit, the better the results obtained. A change has been attempted in the West Paris Grammar Grade whereby they are allowed all the regular grammar school studies and four high school studies. The high school studies must be all in the first two years' work and in a regular course similar to that used in the South Paris High School. By this arrangement, if a class starts in high school work every second year, they can take two years of high school work ; if it is found necessary to start a class each year, then they can take one year's work. This enables the pupils to get a good start at home and when they go away to school, enter some class in a regular course ; while heretofore the studies have been so mixed up that when they went away to another school, they were not fitted for any particular place and were all at sea. The pupils and the teachers have entered into this plan with a deal of zest and it is working even better than was expected. It apparently meets the approval of the parents as well as pupils.

In money matters, we have not, in any case, overdrawn the amount appropriated, but owing to several jobs of repairing being more costly than was at first anticipated, some of the accounts for repairs have been left unpaid. The present appropriations are amply sufficient, except in the matter of the common school fund proper. The items that come from this fund are teachers' wages, wood, janitors' services, carrying scholars and water rent. The amount of each one of these items forms no mean amount in a town of this size. From the financial statement or summary of school expenditures appended, it will be seen that twenty-eight weeks of school have absorbed nearly every cent of this appropriation. The increase in expenses is not due to any increase in wages paid teachers, as some people seem to think. As a matter of fact, they have been diminished instead of increased in the past two years. By a comparison with former years, it will be seen that the increase is due to larger sums being paid for the con-

veyance of pupils and an increase in water rents and the amount of fuel used. The increase in the amount paid for conveying and its causes have already been mentioned, in the amount paid for fuel, it is due to the fact that there is one more room to heat at the Shurtleff house which makes quite a difference in the amount of coal burned. Besides these matters, one new school has been lately established in South Paris village which costs annually about four hundred dollars, nearly enough to give us two more weeks of school. If the town desires thirty weeks of school, they will be obliged to raise more money than formerly. It is absolutely impossible to run the school thirty weeks on the present sum. Last year, we were able to have thirty weeks of school because there was an unexpended sum of over four hundred dollars which we had to fall back upon, but it was all used up.

As to cutting down the expenditures in some way, it is a question where we are to begin. The teachers' wages are now lower than in some of our adjoining towns and consequently we cannot cut teachers' wages and keep our best teachers, for the neighboring towns who could pay more than our town would at once take the most competent of our teachers from us. We lose some of our teachers even now for that reason. The other expenses like the price of wood and conveying scholars, rest with the voters themselves for they are the ones we buy our wood of and hire to convey the scholars. The financial question seems to resolve itself into simply this, shall the town raise more money or have shorter terms of school?

The matter of the town establishing and maintaining a free high school, we would strongly recommend. It is safe to say that there are very few towns in the state of the size of Paris which do not support a high school and many of the smaller ones do. The matter should be carefully considered before passing over that article in the warrant lightly.

WALTER L. GRAY, Supt.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD,	}	School Committee.
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXTENDING FROM MARCH 1st,
1899, TO PRESENT TIME.**

Common School Funds.

Amount available,		\$6,741 23
Amount paid teachers,	\$4,770 60	
Amount paid conveying scholars,	390 30	
Amount paid janitors,	222 81	
Amount paid for fuel,	450 70	
Amount paid for water rent,	55 00	
Estimated amt. of bills due before Mar. 1, 708 00		
	<hr/>	\$6,597 41
Amount unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 143 82

Repairs Fund.

Amount available,		\$ 505 38
Amount expended,	\$490 37	
Estimated unpaid bills,	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 535 47
Over expended,		<hr/> \$ 30 09

Text Book Account.

Amount available,		\$ 500 45
Amount expended,		496 60
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Amount unexpended,		\$ 3 85

Insurance Account.

Amount available,		\$ 100 00
Overdrawn, 1899,	\$ 1 50	
Amount expended,	94 32	
	<hr/>	\$ 95 82
Amount unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 4 18

TABULATED REPORT.

Names of schools.	Names of teachers.	No. of terms taught by each teacher.	No. of weeks taught.	Largest No. registered at any one term.	Average attendance all terms.	Wages per week.
South Paris High,	L P Gerrish, Prin.	3	36	62	64	\$20 70
Grammar,	Lena P Hicks, Asst.	3	36			9 00
	Margaret Pierce,	1	10	55	48	10 00
	Iva L McArdle,	1	18			10 00
Brick In'm'd'te,	E Grace Harlow,	2	20	48	34	9 00
	Susie M Wheeler,	1	8			8 00
Shurtleff In'm'd'te,	Ivy M Richardson,	3	28	34	31	8 00
Pleasant Street,	Eva E Walker,	3	28	28	25	7 33
Porter Street,	Hattie M Leach,	3	28	43	36	9 00
Shurtleff Pr'm'y,	Emma E Shurtleff,	3	28	53	50	9 00
Webber,	Helen Hammond,	1	10	19	18	7 00
	Retta Berry,	2	18			7 00
Blacoe,	Mary H Austin,	2	20	7	5	5 50
	Dora A Parsons,	1	8			6 00
Porter,	Mertie G Walker,	1	10	17	15	6 00
	Mary McArdle,	1	10			6 00
	— Doughty,	1	8			6 50
West Paris Grammar,	Ada M Briggs,	3	28	28	26	10 00
West Paris Primary,	Della C Ridlon,	1	10	35	27	7 00
	J Persis Childs,	2	18			7 00
King,	Nellie Marshall,	1	10	27	25	7 00
	Susie M Wheeler,	1	10			7 00
	Will K Holmes,	1	8			7 00
Paris Hill Grammar,	Jennie E Tirrell,	3	28	22	21	8 00
Paris Hill Primary,	Mae Perkins,	3	28	31	28	7 50
Partridge,	Mary McArdle,	1	10	16	14	6 00
	Lucinda Field,	2	18			6 00
Harbor,	J Blanche Chase,	2	20	16	15	7 50
	Mrs Geo W Carroll,	1	8			7 50
Mountain,	Katie A Royal,	3	28	14	12	5 50
Whittemore,	Bessie C Colby,	3	28	12	7	5 50
Tuell,	Susie M Wheeler,	1	10	16	14	6 00
	Olive C Swett,	2	18			6 00
Forbes,	Bertha Salisbury,	1	10	16	14	6 00
	G Luella Hayden,	1	10			6 00
	Ethel Deane,	1	8			7 00
Hollow,	Elva J Marshall,	1	10	15	14	7 00
	Nellie Marshall,	1	10			7 00
	Clara Berry,	1	8			7 00

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